

(c) Remarks:

The claims are 1-5 with claim 1 being independent. The subject matter of claim 6 was added to claim 1 and claim 1 modified to correct an inadvertent typographical error.

Reconsideration of the claims is requested.

Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected over Futamoto '453 and claim 6 was deemed allowable if in independent form. To expedite prosecution and issue, the subject matter of claim 6 is added to independent claim 1. Consequently, claims 2-5 are in condition for allowance, also. This action is taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter in order to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issue.

The amendment should be entered, the claims should be allowed and the case passed to issue.

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